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## Japanese Quake Brings Destruction, Shock, Questions

By Deb Derrick

The devastation caused by last week's earthquake in Japan surprised one UNO engineering student from Osaka, Japan, who never imagined the damage would be so extensive.

"We thought nothing could collapse the new bridges we designed," said Takashi Yamane, a bridge engineer whose company had more than 10 bridges under construction in Kobe, the city primarily hit by the earthquake. "I am shocked."

Yamane said his wife's family phoned from Osaka, a city 20 miles from Kobe, assuring them they were safe. Others weren't so lucky.

Atsushi Saito, a UNO senior in engineering, said he received news by electronic mail that his grandmother died in the earthquake.

Earthquakes are a fact of life for Japanese engineers, who are very careful in designing structures to withstand them, he said. Japanese use more steel reinforcement to make structures stiffer, he said. The collapse of a bridge's superstructure-

the part above the piers and abutment-which Yamane saw on a televised report from Kobe, "should not have happened," he said.

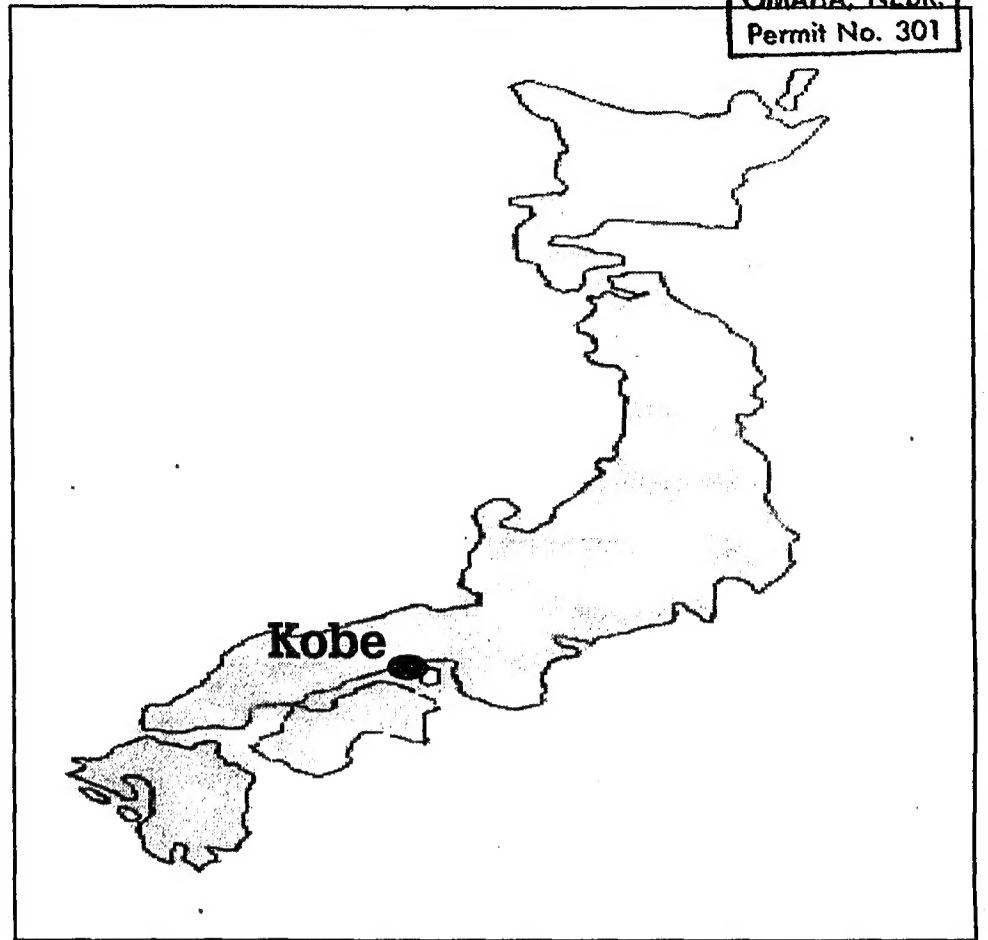
Seismic researchers at UNO say there may be no way to prepare for, or prevent, the devastation of an earthquake. Where an earthquake occurs and how long it lasts are just two of the many factors that make it hard to compare one quake to another, much less predict one, said Say-Gunn Low, a UNO doctorate student working on a United States-Japan coordinated seismic research project.

"We still don't know a lot about earthquakes," Low said.

The phenomenon seems complicated, said Ahmed El-Remaily, another seismic researcher. Predicting when a quake will hit is not yet possible, he said.

The problem may be complex, but why can't engineers design buildings and bridges to withstand an earthquake? The reasons have to do with economics and probability as much as engineering design, the engineers said.

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Kobe, Japan was hit by a devastating earthquake last week. More than 4,000 people died as a result. For student reaction and analysis, see story on left.

## Vice Chancellor Finalist Visits UNO Omaha State Sens. Propose New College

By Lawrence Roy

Belinda McCarthy, one of four finalists for UNO vice chancellor of academic affairs and dean of Graduate Studies, told faculty members Thursday that she prefers working with people to moving papers and boxes all day in an office.

McCarthy, a dean at the University of Central Florida, discussed what she could offer UNO with about 40 faculty and staff members at an open forum.

"I can build a coherent identity by interpersonal relationships and good communication," McCarthy said. "Good communication is the key to a good program."

As founding director of women's studies at the University of Alabama at Birmingham for three years, McCarthy said she worked closely with faculty.

She also helped establish a program that supported high academic values, scholarly research and served as a resource for faculty, students and university staff.

From 1984 to 1990, McCarthy was the associate dean of

the school of social and behavioral sciences at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The associate dean provides support in all areas of school administration. The University of Alabama at Birmingham enrolls about 15,000 students annually.

McCarthy said she would like to come to UNO. "UNO has great potential with a lot of room to grow," she said.

If McCarthy is selected as vice chancellor academic affairs and dean of Graduate Studies she said she has no immediate plans.

"You can't tell how things look in other people's shoes until you are in other people's shoes," she said.

At the University at Central Florida, McCarthy started college wide strategic planning for all campuses. She developed and implemented new degree programs. She worked with external constituencies including professional communities, public schools, donors and alumni. McCarthy was also responsible of management of budget and personnel activities of more than 250 faculty and staff.

Dr. Linda Bain and Dr. Ernest Peck, are the third and fourth finalists, and they will be on campus this week for interviews. James MacMahon, the first candidate was on campus last Tuesday.

Chancellor Del Weber hopes to make a decision on the new vice chancellor after all the candidates have been interviewed.

By Kate Kalamaja

The issue for a separate College of Engineering at UNO is still not over.

Fourteen senators from Omaha and other towns proposed Legislative Bill 735 last Thursday. LB 735 is a proposal which would establish a separate College of Engineering at UNO.

Sen. Kermit Brashear of Omaha cosponsored the bill and he is in favor of it, he said.

Sen. Roger Wehrbein, of Plattsmouth, and Chairman of the Appropriations Panel has different views toward LB 735.

"I'm opposed at the bill," Wehrbein said in a telephone interview Monday.

"I have always felt the university system is adequate, and engineering should be provided in Omaha. President Smith has proposed another program. Let's let that work for awhile."

University of Nebraska President L. Dennis Smith announced a budget request for engineering education improvements in December.

Smith's request does not include construction of a separate college at UNO, it is mainly to improve the current engineer-

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—McCarthy

## Organizations Meet Relocation Challenges

By Karma JC Camphor

The displacement of campus groups due to Student Center renovations may make it a challenge for students to connect with the student organizations.

Guy Conway, director of the Student Center, said he is aware that the relocations pose challenges to the displaced organizations, by taking them away from the "heart of campus" in the Student Center.

"Hopefully the organizations can under-

stand," he said. "The sacrifice will be well worth it in the long run."

Conway said he feels the renovations will help the organizations do a better job serving students. He said the new Student Center, which will contain an additional 35,000 square feet after renovations, will house all the student organizations on the same floor. He expects to see renovations completed in 1996.

"Students can expect to see something new and different," he said.

Conway said members of the relocated organizations have a positive attitude.

The Hispanic American Student Organization, Intertribal Student Organization, African-American Organization, American Multicultural Student Agency, the Women's Resource Center and the Pen and Sword Society have all found a temporary home in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building (HPER).

Dana Pappan, president of the Intertribal Student Organization, said moving to the HPER Building has had no negative effects on his organization's plans or activities.

Pappan, a senior biology major, said the

organization's purpose is to raise awareness of Native American people through cultural events and activities on campus.

Pappan said the temporary office with one desk and a file cabinet is smaller and less comfortable. The organization is without a phone right now but that is being worked on, he said. The organization must also hold its meetings in the snack area of HPER, he said.

"It doesn't bother us, the new place should be a lot better," Pappan said.

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## Public Broadcasting Cuts Could Force Cuts at KVNO

By Susan Tefft Fitzgerald

The federal government has a role in funding cultural institutions such as public broadcasting, said Howard Lowe, general manager of KVNO, a public radio station housed on the UNO campus.

According to news reports, members of Congress, led by House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Larry Pressler, have proposed eliminating all funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB).

Congress created the CPB in 1967 to disperse funds allocated for public broadcasting, Lowe said.

The CPB provides 17 percent of KVNO's budget, which amounts to \$69,500 out of a \$403,000 budget, he said.

"It helps us leverage contributions from additional sources," he said.

Members contribute 40 percent, state funding provides 27 percent and local businesses' support amounts to 14 percent of the station's budget, he said. Production work provides the remaining 2 percent.

Budgets have to be reduced and CPB has to do its share," he said.

Congress already reduced funding for CPB this year by 5 percent, he said. Over the years, federal support has dropped from 33 percent to 17 percent of KVNO's budget, he said.

Congress members have said that public broadcasting should be privatized, but Lowe said KVNO is already privatized to a very large degree.

"We're raising 56 percent of our budget from private

sources. We're taking responsibility for some level of privatization."

In a letter dated Jan. 12, Lowe urged KVNO listeners to contact elected officials and show support for the station. The three-page letter explains that a major effort by KVNO supporters should help keep public broadcasting out of the budget cuts. It also lists reasons why public broadcasting is important, in that it is free, available to all and non-commercialized, he said.

Lowe said the KVNO staff has discussed how to adjust, if necessary, to the loss of federal funds. While declining to go into details, he mentioned turning to the community as an option.

"If funding is cut, I'm sure our next fund drive in March will bring in additional support," he said.

According to Arbitron, a ratings service, 30,000 people listen to KVNO every week, with its format of classical music, news, arts and cultural information. Lowe said that 98 percent of this programming is locally produced on campus.

"If it (funding) can't be replaced, programming and staff would be cut," he said.

Lowe said he doubts student positions would be cut.

"We're a 24-hour operation. Students are willing to take the overnight spots," he said.

Federal funding for public broadcasting will probably not happen this year, although reductions are likely, he said. Despite this, Lowe is optimistic about the future of KVNO.

"We are a successful station. I'm proud of what we've done for Omaha and UNO," he said.

### NEWS bits

#### Student Orientation Seeking Leaders

Student orientation is accepting applications for 1995-96 orientation leaders.

Enrolled students with a minimum 2.5 grade-point average and good communication skills are desired.

Leaders are paid.

#### Sexual Harrassment Program Today

UNO Affirmative Action Officer Mary Glogowski will present a program on subtle sexual harrassment today in the State Room of the Student Center from noon until 1 p.m.

The program will feature a videotape with different subtle sexual harrassment scenarios and a question and answer period.

#### UNO Smoking Cessation Kicks Off Thursday

A weekly smoking cessation program at UNO will begin Thursday and run through Feb. 23.

The program will take place in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building, Room 203 from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The program is \$100 for faculty and staff. A 50 percent refund will be provided if all five sessions are attended.

Call 554-2670 for more information.

#### Center Planning Minnesota Ski Trip

UNO's Outdoor Venture Center is planning a Minnesota Zoo cross country ski trip for Feb. 4 and 5.

The ski touring center has 10 kilometers of ski trails which wind past zoo sights.

For more information and cost, call 554-2258.

#### Gender Issues Forum Slated for Tomorrow

The Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women will present a gender issues forum tomorrow from noon until 1:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Student Center.

#### Veiga, Morgensen Honored for Service

The UNO Alumni Association has honored UNO staff members Neil Morgensen and Jim Veiga with Outstanding Service Awards.

Morgensen, Veiga and Ron Sagehorn were awarded for their roles in the expansion of the William Thompson Alumni Center.

Sagehorn was president of the alumni association's board of directors in 1993. Plans for the expansion were completed and construction started during his term.

Morgensen is assistant vice chancellor and director of facilities management and planning.

Veiga is manager of environmental services and the physical plant.

Morgensen and Veiga were recognized for their time and resource commitment during the expansion.

#### Student Programming To Provide Tax Information

The Student Programming Organization will have federal and state tax return information available Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Gallery Room of the Student Center.

Free pizza will be provided.

## After Leaving the Classroom, Thorson Heads for Spotlight

By Anthony Cobbs

By day he teaches and is the chairman of UNO's gerontology department, but in his spare time, it might be difficult to catch up with James Thorson.

He epitomizes a "jack of all trades," but said he considers himself a "well-rounded person."

As an educator who has been with UNO for nearly 18 years, Thorson's focus in gerontology is on death and dying, he said.

It was one of his students who coaxed him into developing his creative side, he said.

Thorson is an actor and singer. In 1992 he landed the lead role in the play "Sunshine Boys." He said his performance won him the Best Actor Award from the Grand Old Players Theatre.

Currently he is working on a production titled, "Never Too Late." This three-act comedy takes a look at a pre-retirement age couple who discovers they have conceived

a child, he said. Thorson plays the father.



—Thorson

a very talented actor who helps out other actors and even

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"He is called everything from a stud to an old fool," Thorson said, referring to the character he portrays. "At one point he realizes he will be 83 when his child graduates from college."

Though the play offers humor and entertainment, Thorson said, "It deals with an important issue in terms of people in their middle ages."

The play's director, Mark Manhart, said working with Thorson is exciting.

"He makes working in theater a pleasure," he said. "He is

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"We are trying to make structures as strong and safe as possible within a limited amount of budget," Yamane said. Even in Japan, which typically spends more than the United States on buildings or bridges, funds become limited, he said.

A building designed to withstand most earthquakes would cost two to three times more than what we now pay, said Gary Krause, UNO professor of civil engineering.

Structural design is a probability-based type of procedure, Krause said. There is no guarantee that a collapse will never occur.

"When you design to building code, you are accepting the probability that an event may occur that is more severe than what you design for," he said.

Digitized records on ground vibration during the Japanese quake should be available in one or two months, Krause said. Engineers comparing that data to building code criteria may find the quake was more severe than anticipated, he said.

Poor soil conditions around the Kobe area may have made things worse, aggravating the horizontal shifting of structures during the earthquakes, Yamane said. When a structure shifts horizontally, its weight creates additional force on the structure, causing more damage, he said.

Designing structures in an earthquake-prone area is tricky, Low said. Ductility, the ability of a structural member to deform but not break when forces are exerted, is essential but hard to achieve, he said. Steel has better ductility than concrete, but California's Northridge earthquake in 1994 showed that even steel isn't foolproof, he said.

"It's easy to blame the engineer," Low said. Building codes weren't as reliable 15 to 20 years ago, when construction of most of the structures that collapsed in Kobe began, he said.

"We try to investigate failure and learn from it," Low said. "At this point we are still trying to improve the existing code based on experience."



# OPINION/EDITORIAL

## 'Step Right Up (Again) To O.J. 3-Ring Circus'

He has trained hard, he's focused, he's in the best shape of his career for his most important confrontation. Yes, O. J. Simpson and the Barnum and Bailey Circus starts up on the tube this week.

There's no way you could have missed it. It's on all the local stations, all day, every day. It's on CNN. The papers are full of the trials and tribulations of The Simpsonator. Let's face it, O. J. isn't just for breakfast anymore; it's everywhere.

Now, I like a glass of O. J. once in a while myself, but I don't appreciate a forced IV of the stuff attached to me 24 hours a day. For some reason, the media-hype gurus have determined, in their infinite wisdom, that the people want to see every last drop of coverage squeezed from this production.

They think that people who watch daytime television would rather watch Judge Ito talk about blood types than find out if Jack will get back with Jennifer on "Days," or any other soap opera plot tumbles.

These media wizards have finally lost their ever-loving minds. Have you ever tried to keep a soap opera junkie away from an episode? I still have scars. CNN is foregoing news about Russia or Japan to show the media event of the century. The media are even doing stories on the ridiculous amount of coverage in a perverse snowball effect. The networks have latched on to this as some kind of climactic end-all and be-all of reporting.

## COLUMN

Eric Feeler

Some people think it's a racial thing, some say it's a societal problem thing, whatever. All I know is that even Desert Storm didn't seem to get this much coverage, and a whole lot of people got killed in that episode. I am not even going to get into if he's guilty, or if he's treated fairly. Personally, I don't think it's any of my business; I don't know the guy, he's not my hero. So why do the movers and shakers of video land keep this up?

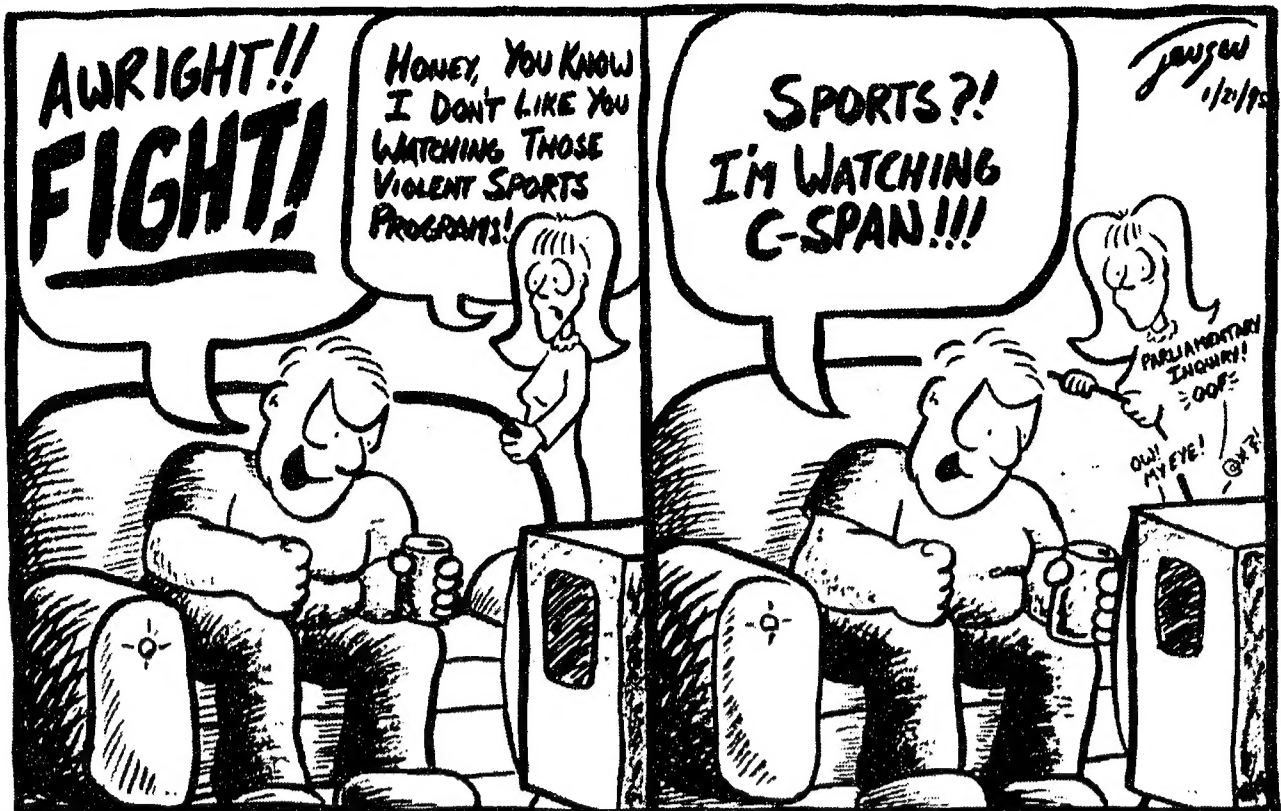
They think everyone is talking O.J., and wants to watch it all. Well, they're probably half right, as far as I can tell. Everyone is talking about O.J. But you know what they are saying? "Man, am I sick to death of hearing about O.J.. Knock it off already!" I realize that Simpson was and is a role model to a lot of people. But even die hard Hertz commercial fans are not going to want to watch the whole trial (which is expected to last around six months, hoorah). This is not going to look like "Matlock." This is going to be excruciatingly boring. To get a feel for it, watch Congress debate on C-Span. My personal cure for insomnia. This trial will look more like that than anything else.

So why do these network bigwigs force this down our throats? Because they can't hear you. They don't hear your cries for reruns of "The Price is Right," an infomercial, anything but The O.J. Channel. The people that make the real decisions in television have the same problems that big governments and big businesses have; the leaders are isolated from the public, and convinced the people will agree with whatever is shoveled at them.

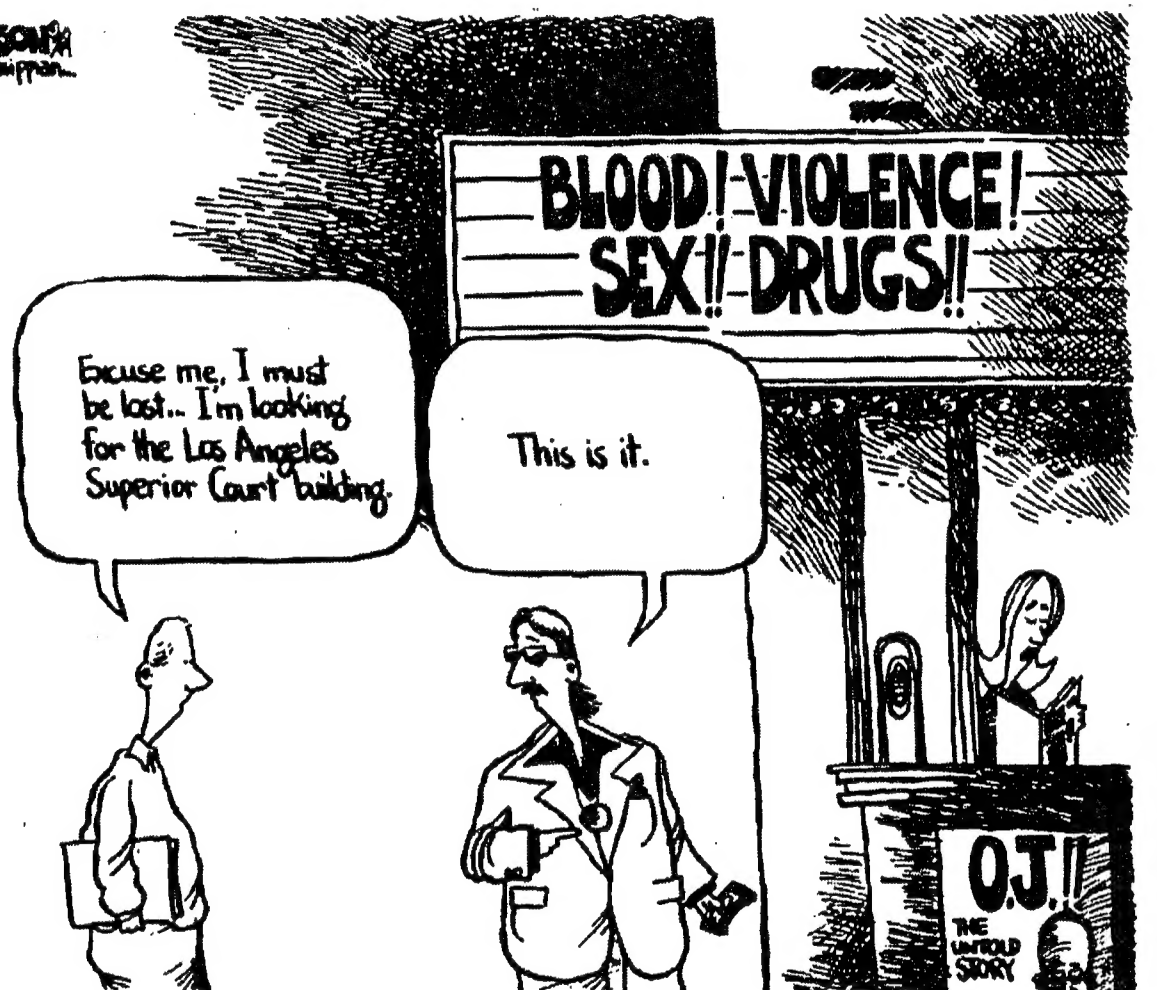
Well, I say they can have my remote when they pry it from my cold, dead hand! Rise up and have a telerevolution! Stand on top of your television (unless it's a 13-incher or smaller, safety first) and say, "I want my soaps! I want 'Wheel of Fortune!' I want my psychic hotline infomercials!"

OK, wipe the footprints off the top of the Sony. I was just kidding. Seriously, I would like to try a little test to see if I'm right about people not wanting O.J. all day. It's simple: If you like the idea of watching the trial all day, drop me (Eric Feeler) a note here at the *Gateway* saying "I want my O.J.!" If you think all this coverage is going to make you sick, write "No way, O.J." If you don't care, don't send anything. After a week, if I get enough responses, I'll send the results off to the local television guys. Who knows what might come of it?

This isn't a personal attack on Simpson. As I said before, I don't know much about O.J., so any die hard Simpsonites out there can breathe easy. If it were Joe Montana, Whitney Houston or Homer Simpson on the stand, I'd still say the same thing. Too much of anything is bad for you, and hopefully it will be bad for the ratings, too. Then we can return to our regularly scheduled junk, instead of having all this other junk on television.



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# NEWS AND FEATURES

## Mini Courses Ease Computer Woes

By Nanci Walsh

The Computing and Data Communications (C&DC) department at UNO offers mini courses in computing to help students stay on the cutting edge of technology.

Courses that teach about the various features of the Internet, including Network News and Gopher, have gained popularity in the past couple of years, said Joyce Crockett, assistant director of C&DC.

Another course topic, File Transfer Protocol, allows users to convert a file from a program like Microsoft Word to electronic mail and send it to a colleague, she said.

"Instead of having to put your manuscript in the mail and send it someplace, you could actually mail it to someone who has electronic mail," she said.

Crockett said courses on electronic mail are also popular.

"These courses have been increasing in size and number because we have more and more people using the Internet on campus," Crockett said.

One new course offered this semester is "Mosaic," she said.

"This gives people access to what we call the 'World Wide Web,' which will allow you to easily connect with other documents around the country," she said.

Other courses teach the basics about various computer programs.

In Microsoft Word processing courses, instructors talk about formatting a disk, opening files and using commands to insert, delete and print text, she said.

"Basically we're using the simple commands in the programs so that people feel comfortable with them and maybe they'll come back and experiment with the

harder commands," she said.

A key objective to the mini courses is to provide a non-threatening atmosphere that helps people feel comfortable with computers, she said.

"A lot of people are afraid of sitting down at a computer and playing with the keyboard," she said.

The courses help people "to get over that fear and make them realize they're not going to hurt the computer if they make a mistake," she said. "If you make a mistake, you just have to figure out what you did wrong and find another approach to it."

The biggest challenge for mini-course instructors is to present a large amount of information in a small amount of time, she said.

"We have a maximum of two hours and we have an outline that we go over, which is dependent on the particular course," she said.

Crockett said when she first started at UNO 15 years ago, there were no computers, especially like the ones around today. A lot has changed since then, she said.

Keeping the right attitude is important when trying to remain up-to-date in the rapidly changing world of technology, she said.

"You have to have an attitude that change is good. If you don't have that attitude, it's kind of hard to stay current," she said.

Two other ways to stay current are to read computer periodicals and to spend time browsing through the Internet, she said.

"If you have an Internet account, there's a wealth of different information out there in Network News. It's like reading a bulletin board and you can read other people's comments," she said.

Mini courses in computing are free and open to UNO faculty, staff and students.

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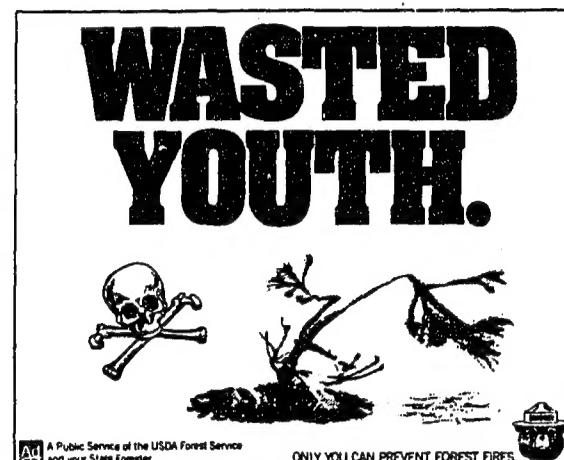
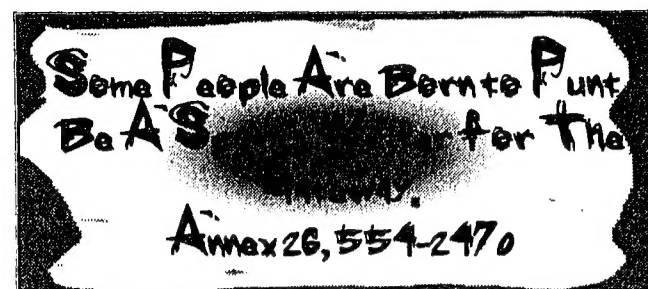
Pappan said he has not heard any complaints from any of the 10-12 members organization.

Ernest Gause, a former African American Organization member and UNO senior, said the university could have considered an alternate location other than the cramped area in the HPER Building.

"Moving these organizations to HPER, so far away from the mainstream, is a disservice," Gause said.

Gause said the university did not consider what challenges the renovations would create.

"No consideration was given to student body members who use these resources," he said.



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# Med Center Researcher Develops Glaucoma Drug

By Veronica Burgher

Known as the "sneak-thief of vision" because it often does not produce symptoms, glaucoma threatens the vision of 2-3 million Americans and is the country's leading cause of blindness.

A University of Nebraska Medical Center ophthalmologist has developed a drug to treat glaucoma, a disease of the eye caused by pressure on the optic nerve.

The drug, latanoprost, is administered as eyedrops to reduce the pressure and prevent further damage, said the drug's creator Dr. Carl Camras, a Med Center professor and vice chairman of the ophthalmology department.

Camras said he began developing the drug while he was pursuing his undergraduate degree at Yale University.

"It has taken many years to perfect," he said.

A study comparing latanoprost to current glaucoma treatments has just been completed, Camras said. The study involved 17 medical centers in the U.S. and Europe and used 268 patients.

"It (latanoprost) reduced the pressure significantly better than the other agents" Camras said.

A local patient, Bertha Trafton of Council Bluffs, said the lack of side effects was the drug's main advantage.

"It's a miracle drug," Trafton said. "For the six months I was on it, I had no adverse reactions."

She said the other drugs she had previously received irritated her eyes.

Other glaucoma drugs have been known to cause side effects such as irregular heart rate, shortness of breath, and kidney stones.

Camras said the lack of side effects with latanoprost can be contributed to the fact that the drug is made from a substance the body normally produces. Therefore the body doesn't consider the drug to be a foreign substance, and won't react to it as harshly, he said.

Besides the lack of side effects, Camras

said the drug has other advantages over other treatments.

Other drugs reduce pressure during the day, but the pressure can build during the night as well, Camras said. This drug reduces pressure throughout the day and night.

"The object of treating glaucoma is keeping the pressure low for as long as possible, including night time," Camras said.

Also with latanoprost, patients have one small daily dose, compared to two or more larger doses with other glaucoma drugs, Camras said.

Now that the study is finished, Camras said the researchers are preparing to submit a final application for approval to the Food and Drug Administration. The approval process can take anywhere from six months to several years, he said. Until then, patients who participated in the study can get the drug on a need basis.

Trafton said she the drug did reduce the pressure in her eye and her pressures have been stable recently. If her pressures where to elevate, Camras can administer the drops to her.

Symptoms of glaucoma include blurred vision, difficulties adjusting to changes in light intensity and tunnel vision, Camras said.

But the symptoms usually don't appear until the disease is in the later stages, when a person's vision has already been damaged, he said.

"Once vision is lost, it cannot be recovered," Camras said. "The trick is to catch it at an early stage when the drug can prevent further damage."

Camras stressed the need for routine eye exams so doctors can compare a patient's records and detect the onset of the disease. People with a family history of glaucoma or diabetes, and African-Americans are considered at higher risk for developing the disease. He said there have been studies to determine why African-Americans are at a five to 10 times greater risk, but they have come back inconclusive.

"No one really knows why," Camras said. "It could be genetics, it could be any number of factors."

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helps set up the stage."

After the curtains fall, Thorson said his future plans include writing a book, singing with the Omaha Symphonic Chorus, or maybe just taking care of his roses. Above all, he

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ing educational system at UNO and UNL.

The request calls for over \$1.5 million in annual operating costs and over \$3.3 million for construction.

Smith has said the money for improvements in the program would go to UNO and UNL to address the needs of both university's.

Last week Governor Ben Nelson endorsed Smith's request.

But the plans still continue for those who are still fighting for another college.

LB 735 says the Legislature will appropriate the money for the college, but does not say how much.

Sen. Chris Abboud from Omaha was unavailable for comment.

Abboud has said the primary funding for a separate college would come from private donations for structure and some programming.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents in December estimated a separate College of Engineering to cost \$29 million, with a \$25 million facility. The facility would cost an estimated \$3 million per year to operate.

The bill needs to go to committees first, and those haven't been scheduled yet.

A spokesperson for Sen. Abboud said they hope to see LB 735 presented in the next three weeks.

said, he will spend time with his family.

The Grand Old Players Theatre, which is in its 12th year, will present "Never Too Late" Feb.16 through March 19. The theater is located at 2339 N. 90 St.

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—Scott Kemper

## A Camping We Will Go

Student workers Jennifer Williams, left, and Jessica Whitney set up a tent for a winter camping workshop at the Outdoor Venture Center.

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## Penn St. Loses Football Title, Wins Drinking

### College Press Service

Rich Satur says he had a decent social life in college. "I went out to the bars on the weekends and drank as much as the next guy," he says. "It was nothing special, but it was all right."

But according to the editors of "Inside Edge" magazine, Satur, a University of Chicago grad, attended the "all-time worst place to go to school, ever."

While University of Chicago may be a good place to bump into Nobel Prize laureates, it isn't exactly party central, say "Inside Edge" editors.

In the magazine's second annual Fun College Survey, 101 colleges are rated from 0 to 100 for each of the following categories: Bar and club scene, party scene, attractiveness of students, ease of graduation, ease of classes, college location, college facilities, sports involvement, happiness quotient and bragging factor.

Georgetown University tops the survey, scoring 88.9 out of a possible 100 points. While

acknowledging that the school is difficult to get into, the magazine describes the class loads as "fluffy," leaving students plenty of time to soak in the Washington social scene. "Number one despite a football team that your high school could beat," states the survey. "These guys must know how to kick back."

Although Penn State's football team was denied the national title, the university has earned the nominal distinction of being named the number one drinking school in the nation.

"Without a doubt, it's the top drinking school in the country. Students at this school do not buy beer by the pint unless they are attempting to cleanse their palate before they really start drinking," the survey says. "In fact, our friends at Penn State confess that they buy beer by the case in the bars."

Vicki Fong, a Penn State spokesperson, said school officials really aren't concerned with the ranking. "It's hardly a scientific survey," she says. "We take it all with a grain of salt."

Editors at "Inside Edge" say they interviewed students from 101 schools of the NCAA's major

conferences.

Rounding out the top 10 after Georgetown University were:

- Last year's winner, Florida State University—"There's nothing like coming out of a biology class and sun bathing before dinner."

- The University of California at Santa Barbara—"A nice place to work on your tan without the bother of all those distracting college-level classes."

- Southern Methodist University—"Bust out your Bible and go Methodist, because from what we've heard, SMU is one heck of a good time."

- The University of California at Los Angeles—"Oh, that L.A. club scene."

- Penn State University—"If only it were not located in the middle of Pennsylvania, where there is no ocean, no culture, and no sunshine. Oh well, no school is perfect."

- Tulane University—"The student body participates in year-long Mardi Gras and Jazz Fest parties complete with music, dancing, spicy food, exotic drinks and celebrations that last all

night long."

- Ohio State University—"OSU has a great sporting reputation which amounts to some of the best tailgating parties in the country."

- University of Southern California—"Of course you know the mascot of the school is appropriately named the Trojans. 'Nuff said."

- Stanford University—"The place where the administration does its best to prevent any student from receiving lower than a 'C' in any course."

UCLA junior Josh Abercane says he isn't surprised that his school ranks in the top 10. "We have parties and drink beer like everyone else," he says. "But we also have the sun out here. That can make up for a lot."

Although the sun occasionally shines in the Midwest, too, it apparently isn't enough to inspire bouts of frivolity and excess among University of Chicago students, who finish behind Brigham Young University, Providence College and Johns Hopkins University.

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## College Freshmen Drink Less But Light Up More

### College Press Service

This year's college freshmen smoke more, drink less and are more worried than ever about how they'll finance their education, according to the annual freshmen survey, which was conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles.

And if you want to catch the interest of a freshman, don't try talking politics. The majority of first-year students couldn't care less, the survey finds.

According to the national survey of freshman attitudes, students who started school last fall are less involved and less interested in politics than any class in the survey's 29-year history.

Only 31.9 percent of the Class of '98 said that "keeping up with political affairs" is an important goal in life—down 10 percent from the year before and about half the 1966 level.

Survey director Alexander W. Astin says the drop in political interest is surprising. "Considering that the figures from 1993, a non-election year, was 37.6 percent," says Astin, a professor of higher education at UCLA's Graduate School of Education & Information Studies, "the sharp drop observed during this recent election year is all the more remarkable."

Less than 16 percent of college freshmen said they discussed politics frequently, compared to 18.8 percent in 1993 and 24.6 percent in 1992.

Kellye McIntosh, field advisor for the United States Student Association, says that students aren't really as apathetic as the survey indicates. Instead, she says, they are uninformed.

"What I witness on campus is that students don't have enough information on issues that are of major concern to them," McIntosh says. "No one really addressed the problems that students face in the last election, so it's hard to judge, but when the issues are addressed, students definitely get involved."

McIntosh helped organize "Students Are Voting Everywhere," or SAVE, on campuses throughout the nation, where student registration was higher on the West Coast

than in the rest of the country because of education issues that appeared on the ballot.

"Students were registering like crazy in Oregon and Washington because a lot of the issues discussed in the election will have a direct impact on their lives," she says. "Students still want to make sure they have a say in what happens."

The survey also found that the number of students describing themselves as politically "middle-of-the-road" has increased alongside their indifference. More than half, or 52.6 percent of students, called themselves "middle-of-the-road," while the number of students who called themselves either liberal (25 percent) or conservative (22.4 percent) declined.

Meanwhile, the 333,703 students at 670 U.S. two-year and four-year colleges and universities who filled out a four-page, multiple-choice questionnaire also reported record amounts of stress.

Astin says that a record-high percentage of freshmen reported that they frequently "felt overwhelmed by all I have to do." A total of 24.1 percent of the students said they are under a high amount of stress, compared to 23.3 percent who said the same in 1993 and 16 percent in 1985.

"Today's new students are feeling increasingly stressed," says Astin. "There are more pressures on students than ever before, and it looks like it's starting to get to them."

Subsequently, almost 10 percent of the students said they felt depressed, and more students than ever before rated their emotional health as low.

"It's a big adjustment," says Tina Lindquist, a freshman at the University of Colorado. "It sounds stupid, but just being away from home was hard enough. With classes and everything else, I can see how some people get stressed out."

Lindquist says she was able to stay upbeat and relaxed by keeping herself busy. "I didn't want to work my freshman year but then I started getting depressed because I didn't have enough money and even more depressed when I was bored, so I figured the best thing to do was to get a job."

And despite the rise of smoke-free residence halls and stricter smoking codes, more and more freshmen are lighting up these

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# NCAA Convention Not One For Reforms, History Books

SAN DIEGO (CPS) —The 1995 NCAA convention may not have resulted in as many sweeping reforms as were hoped for by college athletes and school administrators, but the outcome of the weeklong event definitely points to what could be a historic gathering at the Dallas convention in 1996.

Cedric Dempsey, executive director of the NCAA, set the tone for the convention in his opening remarks. "It's time we give college presidents the ultimate responsibility for all critical decisions," he said in his "State of the Association" address at the San Diego Convention Center. "This will fundamentally change the nature and powers of our convention, but it is a change whose time has come."

The executive director recommended a complete overhaul of the current NCAA structure by taking power from the Presidents Commission and giving it back to the participating schools. Currently, the 44-member group holds most of the power within the NCAA. Its members commission studies on various situations and then create legislation to correct any problems or abuses.

Dempsey suggested creating a governing body of college presidents that would initiate various reforms. Their proposals then could only be reversed by a "super majority" of NCAA delegates.

Interest for this year's convention was high, as a record-setting 310 college presidents attended the event. Although more than 150 proposals were heard, the following is a summary of the major topics discussed at the convention.

Academic Standards: The NCAA once again approved tougher academic standards for incoming student-athletes by a vote 255-72.

Although a proposal by the Presidents Commission would have allowed colleges to accept and give aid to student-athletes who attained at least a 2.5 grade point average in 13 core high school courses, regardless of their standardized test scores, it was defeated 168-155, mainly because the delegates feared that it would signal an end to the recent push to strengthen academic standards. Instead of the commission's recommendations, NCAA voters approved an even stricter set of requirements.

Proposition 16, the new standards that will take effect in the fall of 1996, requires that incoming freshmen have at least a 2.0 grade-point average in 13 core high school courses and score 900 on the SAT or 21 on the ACT. For students with a 2.5 GPA, the test requirements drop to 700 on the SAT and 17 on the ACT. Currently, high school seniors need at least a 2.0 GPA in 11 core courses and at least a 700 on the SAT or a 17 on the ACT.

"What we've seen occur is very important. We have a set of standards that continue to encourage student-athletes to achieve a higher standard of academic preparation," Presidents Commission chairman Judith Albino told the delegates after the vote. "Proposition 16 will set a new standard for a number of years to come."

Student-athletes with a 600 on the SAT or 15 on the ACT will need a GPA of 2.75 to become a "partial qualifier," which would allow them to practice with their respective team but not compete. Delegates also voted to make partial qualifiers eligible for athletic scholarship money.

Under the revised rules, any student with an SAT score under 600 will be a partial qualifier, no matter what their GPA. A fourth year of eligibility was proposed for the partial

qualifiers. Currently, those students are only eligible for three years of competition.

Nebraska chancellor Graham Spanier said the fourth year of eligibility would be an incentive to players who needed to work on their grades. "The best thing you can do to urge athletes to complete their college education is to reward the student by giving them the fourth year of eligibility," he said.

The majority, however, disagreed, as the vote failed 152-164.

Thomas K. Hearn, president of Wake Forest University, said that the extra year of eligibility would go against everything for which college athletics stood. "Our coaches, all the way from Little League to professional sports, every day preach that if you work hard, you can do better. And if you don't, there are penalties and losses," Hearn said. "Somehow, we want to strike a line at the classroom door and say that doesn't apply. We have to keep the penalty in place so that students in high school will be motivated to meet the standard."

Because four-year eligibility for partial qualifiers was narrowly defeated, though, NCAA officials expect to see the issue come up again at next year's convention.

Many opponents of the plan had lobbied for a complete ban on all freshmen eligibility and a revision of the admissions requirements for student-athletes. In fact, groups like the National Association of Basketball Coaches, the Black Coaches Association and the McIntosh Commission for Fair Play in Student-Athlete Admissions proposed the elimination of test scores as a means for judging athletes.

"By continuing to rely on standardized test scores, the NCAA persists in exploiting student-athletes by denying opportunities to many otherwise qualified high school students who would be able to graduate from college if they were given the chance," said Dr. Pamela Zappardino of the McIntosh Commission.

Men's Gymnastics: The Presidents Commission had been looking into the possible cancellation of the NCAA-sanctioned men's gymnastics national championship meet due to dwindling participation in the sport. But after much debate, the presidents decided to extend support for men's gymnastics for at least two more years.

In 1977, 138 teams competed in men's gymnastics. This year, only 33 of the 906 NCAA schools—seven from the Big Ten alone—are putting out a team. The NCAA requires a minimum of 40 teams for a national championship.

Arguing that fewer participating schools do not necessarily mean less talent, proponents of men's gymnastics feared that the sport would die from lack of interest if the NCAA decided to cut the program from its budget.

Following this year's championships at Ohio State University in April, The NCAA has committed to sponsoring the championships until at least 1997.

NBA Draft Eligibility: While the practice has been criticized by college and NBA coaches, basketball players still will be able to return to their school within 30 days of being claimed by a team in the NBA draft.

Although the National Association of Basketball Coaches originally pushed for this measure, it has since changed its position on the issue.

"It's not working out like we thought it would," says Jim

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## HIV Most Contagious During First Two Months

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—Your chances of acquiring HIV—the virus that causes AIDS—may be a lot higher if you have sex with someone who was infected within the past two months, according to University of Michigan researchers.

"People are most infectious during the first 60 days after acquiring the virus, and they appear to be far more infectious during this phase than scientists previously believed," said James S. Koopman, UM professor of epidemiology.

Koopman and UM researchers John A. Jacquez and Carl P. Simon, along with Ira M. Longini, Jr., of Emory University, published the first study of how the primary phase—roughly the first 60 days of infection—affects the spread of HIV in the November 1994 issue of the "Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes."

"We're saying the initial two-month period immediately following infection is the key factor controlling transmission of the virus and the spread of the epidemic," explained Koopman.

According to the study, rates of infectivity during the primary infection phase may be as much as 100 to 1,000 times higher than in the long asymptomatic phase that follows, which can last for years.

"As in the case with the flu or chicken pox, people are most infectious just before antibodies to the virus appear in their system," said Jacquez, a UM professor emeritus of physiology and of biostatistics. The difference, he added, is that HIV is transmitted "through needles and sexual contact."

While the researchers emphasize the results of the study is preliminary, they do add that people should keep a few things in mind:

- Since HIV-antibodies do not appear until near the end of the two-month primary infection phase, a negative blood test is no guarantee your sexual partner does not have the virus. "A person with a negative blood test may have a better chance of being highly contagious than a person with a positive test," said Simon, UM professor of mathematics and professor of economics and public policy.

- Since many people are not ill during the highly contagious first phase of infection, "counting on symptoms to tell you that infection has occurred is a mistake," according to Simon.

- The more sexual partners you have, the greater the risk of infection, because you increase the odds of having sex with someone during his or her primary infection phase. "The highest risk group includes men and women involved in a regular sexual relationship with someone who has many sexual encounters with other people," Simon said.

## Gun Deaths On the Rise

DAVIS, Calif.—The number two cause of unnatural death in this nation is rising with a bullet.

According to a new report from the University of California at Davis, the number of people killed annually by guns is creeping closer to the number of people killed in car accidents each year.

"In the '60s, we used the phrase 'the carnage on our nation's streets' to refer to deaths and injuries from motor vehicle trauma," said Garen Wintemute, author of "Trauma in Transition: Trends in Deaths from Firearm and Motor Vehicle Injuries." "Now in the 1990s that is a phrase better applied to gun violence."

Wintemute says that 40,230 Americans were killed by firearms in 1993. That same year, 40,880 were killed in automobile accidents. Although the data for 1994 is not yet available, Wintemute says it is more than likely that those killed by guns will outnumber those killed in auto accidents.

While motor vehicle deaths have declined by 50 percent since 1969, gun violence, specifically deaths from injuries sustained by firearms, increased by 41 percent from 1984 to 1993, says Wintemute.

While no detailed data is available for violent crime on college campuses, Federal Bureau of Investigation data identified eight murders on college campuses in 1993. Overall, the data, based on voluntary information submitted by colleges and universities, showed 3,289 violent crimes occurred on college campuses in 1993—of which 2,101 were classified as aggravated assaults.

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"I can't really understand the ranking," says UC grad Satur. "The guys who wrote it must be from Harvard."

Actually, he's right. "Inside Edge" is comprised of alums from Harvard and a few other East Coast schools.

And where do the Cambridge boys rank their own school, that legendary campus of Ivy League madness? According to

African-American males between the ages of 15 and 24 died at a rate of 176.8 per every 100,000 people in 1993. That number is up dramatically from 1984, when the ratio was 55.9 to 100,000. The 1994 rate is 5.4 times higher than the death rate for white males in the same age group.

"Death rates from firearm injuries are at their highest level since the gangster days of 1932," says Wintemute, who suggests the government start a comprehensive effort teaching others the dangers and finality of gun violence.

## Fashion Hint: Lose the Tie

CARBONDALE, Ill.—The navy blue business suit is all pressed and ready to go for the big job interview. Now all you have to do is to choose your accessories.

Choose wisely. It could make a difference on how'll you'll be perceived on the job, a recent study suggests.

Some 93 female students majoring in fashion design or fashion retailing were asked to view three photographs of a model in a blue business suit wearing a different neck style in each photo. In one photo, the model wore an open-collared blouse; in another she sported a man's necktie; and in another she donned a tied scarf.

Then the students answered two questions—in which photo did the woman appear more competent and in which did she appear more promotable?

The students chose a frontrunner. The woman with the knotted scarf would move up the corporate ladder first, they said. "They perceived her as being too masculine when wearing a necktie," says Jane E. Workman, a professor in workforce education and development at Southern University in Illinois at Carbondale.

Workman and two colleagues, Kim K.P. Johnson at the University of Minnesota and Christy Crutsinger at the University of North Texas, conducted the study, which was published in the winter 1994 issue of "Clothing and Textiles Research Journal."

Workman says the students' answers reflected both their own open-mindedness and their perceptions of the business world. The students said the woman wearing the necktie and the one wearing the scarf were equally competent.

But possibilities for promotion told a different story. "When wearing a scarf, the woman was seen as far more promotable," she says. The manager wearing the open collar finished last.

Previous research has shown that the necktie is associated with respectability, intelligence and status—when worn by a man, Workman says.

"We need to be aware of the stereotypes associated with the way we dress," she says. "I think most people don't realize the impact of appearance in their interactions with other people."

## A&M University Coach Thwarts Robbers

DALLAS—When members of the American Football Coaches Association met in Dallas in early January to discuss pending rules and regulations, they took time off from the regular agenda to trade war stories from this past football season.

And while the tales from the gridiron were of interest to all, Texas A&M's head coach R.C. Slocum had his own story to tell.

While on a recruiting trip in December, Slocum stopped at a convenience store near the A&M campus and walked right into an armed robbery.

As Slocum entered the store, two men came running at him, nearly knocking the coach over as they ran for the door. Slocum says that at first, he just thought the men were being rude, but quickly noticed the cashier, who "looked like she was just about to pass out."

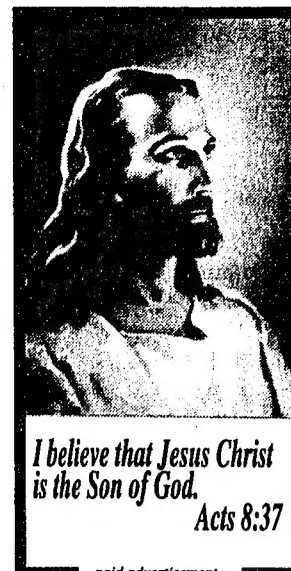
Slocum looked back at the men and noticed one of them carrying a gun. He ran to the parking lot, memorized the license plate number of their car as it sped out of the lot, and called police.

"One of the men was wearing a Cowboys jersey with No. 22 on the front and 'Smith' on the back," Slocum says. "I know Emmitt Smith, and that wasn't Emmitt Smith."

Slocum helped identify the two men in a police lineup earlier this month.

"Inside Edge," Harvard placed 34, buoyed by a perfect score of 100 in the bragging factor.

But according to the magazine, other students shouldn't be too concerned with Harvard's ranking. "Since you won't get in," it reads, "who cares?"



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## Mavs Rebound From Loss With Win Over N. Dakota

By Tim Rohwer

The UNO men's basketball team used the rebounding of center John Skokan to rebound from a 15-point loss to North Dakota State on Friday to whip North Dakota, 91-67 on Saturday.

The junior from Omaha Creighton Prep High School hauled down a career-high 23 rebounds against the Sioux, just two short of the school record.

Nate McMorris pulled down 25 rebounds in a game in 1976.

Skokan also scored 12 points in Saturday's contest which saw UNO jump to an early 8-0 lead and coasted to the victory.

The previous evening the Bisons, who entered the game ranked No. 7 in the NCAA Division II, bombed UNO, 78-63.

Despite that loss, the team's play pleased Mav Coach Tim Carter.

"I'm not disappointed in our effort tonight," he said afterward. "It was great effort and I'm not unhappy."

Saturday's win before 1,600 people in the UNO Fieldhouse improved UNO's record to 8-8 overall and 2-5 in the North Central Conference (NCC).

The Mavs never let up against the Sioux and led 18-3 after a little more than six minutes into the game.

Their lead increased to 20 with 7:22 left in the half when Skokan made a layup, but North Dakota came back and trailed by only 10 at halftime.

There was no denying UNO on this evening. The Mavs regained their 20-point margin at the 12:47 mark of the second half when a layup by sophomore guard Richard Jones made the score 65-45.

The Mavs continued to pound North Dakota and led 89-61 with three minutes left.

Six players finished in double figures for the Mavs in the win, including Jones who led the team with 16 points. The others were sophomore forward Derrick Bogay with 14 points, junior guard Andy Price with 13 and 12 each from Skokan, sophomore forward

Derrick Bogay and sophomore guard Troy Kloewer.

They could have used that balanced scoring the previous evening in the loss to the Bison. Even then, it may not have been enough as State bombarded UNO with three-pointers. The Bison made its first five baskets and eight of its first nine from beyond the three-point line.

"They knocked down some serious three-pointers," Carter said. "They're a good shooting team, but we were also getting to them late."

After the first minute of play, UNO led 4-0 on baskets by Ledford and Skokan.

The Bison air raid began at the 18:22 mark when guard Nick Ravn hit a three from the right side.

Following a basket by Jones, forward Tyson Maroney of State hit a three to tie the score.

At the 16:22 mark, Ravn again hit a three, followed by another from guard Fred Fridley to give the Bison a 12-6 advantage.

Kloewer hit a three to cut into the lead, but Maroney answered with his second bomb at the 13:50 mark to give State a 15-9 lead.

After Ravn hit a two-pointer at the 13:22 mark, the Bison got back beyond the line and made three more bombs to take a 26-11 lead with about 11 minutes left in the half.

The Mavs came back to within nine at 30-21 after Bogay hit a turnaround jumper at the 5:34 mark, but State responded with nine straight points to break it open again.

At the half, the Bison led 41-26.

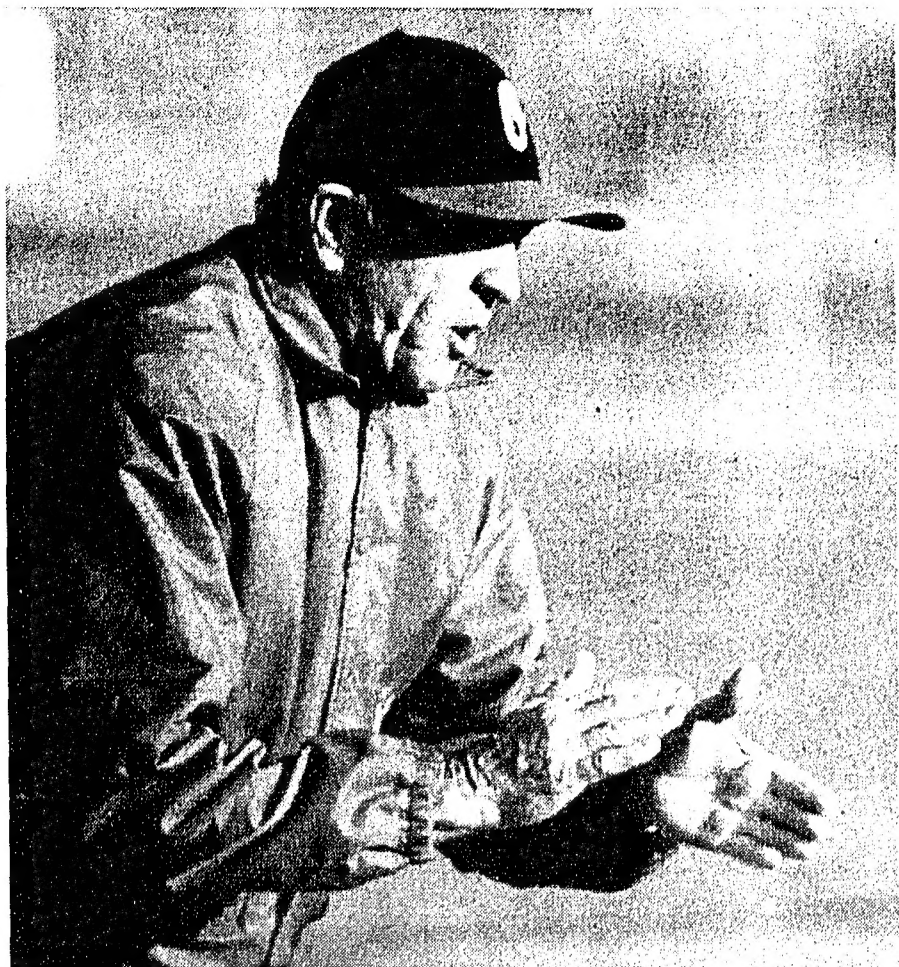
UNO missed a couple of easy shots early in the second half that would have cut into the Bison's lead and possibly regained some momentum for the Mavs.

Bogay failed to connect on an olly-oop play underneath, just seconds into the half, then Jones missed a layup a short time later.

UNO hung in there and got the deficit down to nine at 48-39 when Bogay hit a jumper at the 13:17 mark.

After State got back to a 13-point lead with a little more than six minutes left, the Mavs

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## Baseball Team Starts Season Warm Up, UNL First Opponent

By Tim Rohwer

Baseball is back.

Not the major leagues. It's the UNO baseball team.

The Mavs began practice Monday for the 1995 season that starts March 5 with a doubleheader against the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).

No, they're not out shivering in the cold weather, but practicing in the UNO Fieldhouse until it gets warmer.

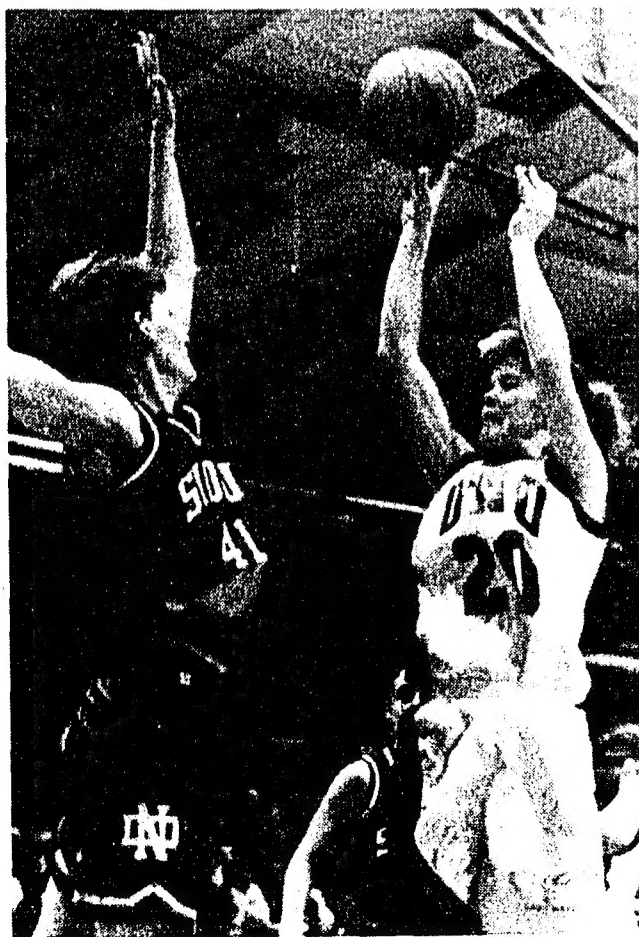
"This week we'll work on fundamen-

tals and weights, but next week we'll play game conditions in the cages," said Mav Coach Bob Gates. "With those cages, the pitchers can throw just like a regular game."

Gates said he is optimistic about this year's squad, especially since it's loaded with veterans.

"If we played a doubleheader right now, I'd have eight seniors start the first game and then seven seniors for the second game with a couple of younger players starting," he said. "We have a lot of veter-

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—Mike Buckley

Mav Center Shonna Tryon attempts a shot in Saturday's game against N. Dakota.

## North Dakota, N. Dakota State Make Lost Weekend for Mavs

By Tim Rohwer

Two of the nation's top 10 teams in women's basketball came to the UNO Fieldhouse over the weekend and showed the Mavs why they belong there.

The North Dakota Sioux, ranked No. 8 in the NCAA Division II, beat UNO, 76-61, on Saturday, after North Dakota State, the division's top-ranked team, won in a yawner on Friday, 82-45.

The losses dropped UNO to 9-7 overall and 3-4 in the North Central Conference.

The Bison particularly impressed Mav Coach Cherri Mankenberg.

"They have a lot of key players returning from last year's national championship team. They're aggressive and strong, a well-oiled machine," she said.

The Mavs were fairly competitive against the Sioux and once led by seven points in the first half.

North Dakota rallied to lead 35-30 at halftime. UNO stayed close in the second half and trailed 60-56 with about five minutes left.

The Sioux then outscored UNO 16-5 in the remaining time to win by a comfortable margin.

Center Sheri Kleinsasser led North Dakota with a game-high 29 points and 12 rebounds, while guard Tiffany Wirz added 14 points and four assists.

Junior forward Michelle Spetman led the Mavs with 22 points and eight rebounds and sophomore forward Amy Breen added 15 points.

It was no contest on Friday as the Bison won their 16th straight game of the season, though UNO led on two occasions early.

After State scored the first three points, the Mavs countered by scoring the next four, including a jumper by sophomore guard Amy Loth at the 17:45 mark that gave UNO a 4-3 lead.

A little later, Loth scored again to give the Mavs an 8-7 advantage.

UNO then suffered some cold shooting and baskets by centers Kasey Morlock and Andrea Kelly, putting the Bison up 15-8. They would never trail again.

At the 8:33 mark of the first half, Loth scored to bring the Mavs to within eight at 26-18.

Then came another UNO cold spell and the Bison eventually got out to a 38-18 lead.

"We had too many cold spells, especially when we got to eight points and then at 18 points," Mankenberg said. "The number eight wasn't very good for us tonight."

After leading 42-23 at halftime, State continued its assault early in the second half.

A basket by guard Jenni Rademacher increased the

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# Grapplers Continue to Dominate Wrestling Mat

By Tim Rohwer

The UNO Wrestling Mavs continued to pin their mark on opponents Saturday as they won six championships at the Central Missouri State Open.

Senior Lim Prim highlighted the UNO performance by winning the most outstanding wrestler award after going 4-0 to win the 118-pound division.

Prim defeated Shane Valdez of the University of Oklahoma for the championship.

"Lim really dominated the tournament," said Coach Mike Denney. "He caught the eye of everybody the way he went after it. We're pleased for him and he's well deserving of it."

Prim improved his overall record to 29-2.

The other winners for UNO were senior Jimmie Foster who went 3-0 to win the 126-pound title; senior Steve Costanzo, 3-0 in the 134-pound division; junior Erin Daugherty, 3-0 in the 142-pound division; senior Brian Zanders, 4-0 in the 158-pound division and junior Ralpheal Kizzee, 4-0 in the 167-pound division.

Sophomore Jason Hutson also wrestled in a championship match, but finished second in the 150-pound division.

In other UNO results: Freshman Phil Smart finished third in the 158-pound division; freshman John Colling finished third in the 177-pound division; sophomore Pat Kelley III finished third in the 190-pound division; and junior Wade Kroeze failed to place in the heavyweight division.

"Wade didn't perform badly and he's only had 10 matches

so far this year. It's just going to take some time," Denney said.

Prim's outstanding wrestler award was the fourth time this year a UNO wrestler won that recognition at a meet. Foster, Costanzo and Zanders also won that award this year.

"Every one of our seniors has won that award. That's quite an accomplishment," Denney said. "They've been deserving of it because they've been consistent all year long."

About 160 wrestlers from five states competed at the event. There was no team scoring.

UNO went to the Central Missouri event after failing to be invited to the National Duals in Lincoln over the weekend.

"We would have rather gone to the duals, but we had the opportunity to wrestle some good people at the Central Missouri event," Denney said.

The Mavs, ranked No. 2 in the NCAA Division II, return to North Central Conference action this weekend when they host a dual against 13th ranked North Dakota on Friday and a dual against third-ranked North Dakota State on Saturday.

Both events begin at 7 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

On Feb. 2, the Mavs host top-ranked Central Oklahoma in the Fieldhouse.

Denney said it's too early to tell whether this squad is as good as the 1991 team that won the national championship, but he likes what he sees.

"We think our chances are good, though I don't like to make predictions," he said. "We have the right ingredients, but we have to peak at the right time. We're looking forward to it, though."



—Mike Buckley

Mavs Guard Richard Jones goes to the net during Saturday's game.

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came to within nine again when Jones hit a three at the 5:11 mark.

Ravn soon hit another three and UNO never got closer than 11 points after that.

Jones finished UNO's scoring when he hit a jumper with 51 seconds left. A Bison basket from forward Mike Sissel and a free throw by Maroney completed the outcome.

Ravn led the Bison with 25 points, while center Brian Sand added 20.

Kloewer led the Mavs with 21 points, including 15 from beyond the three-point line.

"I'm very proud of Troy," Carter said. "I have all the confidence in the world of him making those shots."

The win improved the Bison's record to 14-2 and 6-1 in the NCC.

UNO will play at Morningside Friday and at South Dakota Saturday.

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Bison lead to 44-23 and a Morlock score at the 18:19 mark made it 48-25.

After a basket by Mav junior center Dennie Young, the Bison really got going and scored the next 14 points.

About the only thing that particularly excited the crowd of 750 in the second half was a three-pointer by freshman guard Tammy Brauer that made the score 64-32 at the 9:37 mark.

The Mavs played even with the Bison after that, but it was far too late to change the outcome.

Morlock led the Bison with 21 and forward Lynette Mund added 15.

Loth led the Mavs with 10 points, all in the first half. She did not play in the second half, as well as the entire

game on Saturday because of a concussion she suffered a few days earlier.

"She was OK at the start of the game, then at halftime the symptoms reoccurred - dizziness and headaches," Mankenberg said. "We weren't going to mess with it, so she sat on the bench. It really hurt us, though."

The Bison's dominance on the boards also hurt the Mavs. UNO was outrebounded 51-26.

"They killed us on the boards and that was the big deal," Mankenberg said. "They blocked us out and were getting great position underneath."

UNO plays at Morningside on Friday and at South Dakota on Saturday.

## Three Qualify for Nationals

By Tim Rohwer

With their performance Saturday at the Cornhusker Open in Lincoln, three members of the UNO indoor track team provisionally qualified for the national championships.

They are senior Kim Osler in the 55-meter hurdles, senior Linda Vondras in the long jump and freshman Carrie Butler in the 400-meter dash.

"What provisionally means is that officials take about 12 or 13 kids in each event for the nationals, but only five or six are under the time that automatically qualifies them," Mav Coach Tim Hendricks said.

"Therefore, they'll go down the provisional list to the 12th and 13th best times to get those other kids," Hendricks said.

Osler provisionally qualified by finishing first in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.11 seconds. That was a big improvement from her performance the previous week at Doane, Hendricks said.

"Last week, Kim had a time of 8.19. Eight-tenths of a second doesn't sound like much, but that's a lot in the hurdles,"

he said.

Chances are good that Osler will make the nationals, Hendricks added.

"Last year, Kim made the nationals with a time of 8.18 in the 55-meter hurdles, so I'm 99 percent sure she'll go," he said, adding that the automatic qualifying time is 8.10 seconds.

Vondras finished second in the long jump at the Lincoln event with a mark of 18 feet and 6 inches.

"Last year, a mark of 18 feet and 10 inches got people into the nationals. We feel if Linda can jump over 19 feet, she definitely can make it," Hendricks said.

Butler finished fourth in the 400-meters race with a time of 58.73 seconds.

"I was pleasantly surprised with her, although Carrie is a hard worker," Hendricks said. "The automatic time in that event is 57.40 seconds, but if she can run at 58 seconds flat she should make it."

Freshman Tina Ellis provisionally qualified in the 55-meter dash last week at Doane and Hendricks said that's good to have that many qualify this early in the season.

"Usually we don't get this many to

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ans, guys who have been with us since they were freshmen four or five years ago. I think we'll be better than last year."

The 1994 team finished 27-21 with an appearance in the North Central Conference (NCC).

Besides the experience, the team seems to be at equal strength at all positions, Gates said.

"There is no position stronger than any other. It's a team game," he said. "We're just a balanced team."

There are 24 players on the roster, including eight seniors. They are infielders Tom Sullivan, Bill Ryan and Mike Sullivan; outfielder/pitchers Dave Vallinch and Joe Daneff; pitcher/infielder Mike Ripa; catcher/infielder Tim Hallett; and pitcher Ethan Anderson.

There are also six freshmen on the squad. "I'm hoping some of our younger players come along, the sooner the better," Gates said.

Besides the Huskers and the NCC teams, UNO's schedule includes games against the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Wayne State and Northwest Missouri State. The Mavs open the season at home on March 9 with a doubleheader with Peru State. All home games are played at College World Series Park, 82nd and D Streets, just south of Interstate 80.

UNO will also make its annual trip to Joplin, Mo., to play in the Wilson Classic

beginning March 20.

"That's a good trip down to Joplin because we play 10 games in six days," Gates said, adding that NCAA Division II powers such as Missouri Southern, Missouri-St. Louis and Fort Hays State will also attend the Joplin event.

"It's a tough schedule but it gets us ready for the conference," he said.

The Mavs, who are in the Southern Division of the NCC, start conference play April 7 with a doubleheader at South Dakota.

"Last year, with the exception of South Dakota, all the teams in our division were better than what they were the previous year. That should happen again this year," Gates said.

Athletics have always been the center of Gates' life. A graduate of UNL where he played baseball, Gates later served as an assistant baseball coach there.

He also coached that sport at Omaha Holy Name High School for many years and served as a scout for the Baltimore Orioles organization.

"I even did some football recruiting for Tom Osborne at Nebraska," Gates said.

Coaching, however, is his greatest love.

"I've never gone to a practice or a game that I didn't look forward to," he said. "I never wanted to be anything but a coach."



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ORONO, Maine (CPS)—University of Maine students won't find any chalkboards in Corbett Hall classrooms.

But it's not exactly as if students are feeling deprived.

Instead of scrawling out bits of musical scores and names and dates of historical figures on blackboards, professors' lectures now immerse students in multimedia presentations that include direct video, surround-sound stereos, large screens and computer-generated videos.

Call it education for the MTV generation.

The University of Maine set out to build the classroom of tomorrow when it planned its new three-story, \$7 million Corbett Hall. The building boasts a 350-seat auditorium, seven hi-tech classrooms and sophisticated computer facilities that can link students to each other, their teachers and the world.

"The building was designed as a high-tech facility," says Virginia Gibson, associate professor of management and co-chair of the project. "We wanted a building that incorporated some leading-edge technologies into a standard classroom environment."

Dick Fleming, the university's director of computer services, says the building was designed to give instructors the most innovative teaching apparatuses possible.

"We wanted to make this the best possible environment for teaching," Fleming says. "By using real-time cameras and computer-generated graphics, teachers can't help but use new and innovative methods."

Corbett Hall's piece de la resistance may be the first-floor auditorium, a state-of-the-art teaching and learning center where the instructor has control of a variety of multi-media presentation options.

Richard Jacobs, who teaches a music appreciation class in the room, says today's students demand more in terms of course structure.

"You have to do more than lecture," says Jacobs, who has taught music classes at the University of Maine for 31 years. "The room and all its toys have made the class come alive. Everyone's excited. It feels like we're part of a new generation of education."

In teaching his class, Jacobs takes advantage of the auditorium's innovative features in a variety of

ways. While focusing on a particular piece of music, Jacobs can show an orchestra playing the work on one screen, zooming in on the various featured instruments. On another, he can show the score, pointing out notes as the music progresses. He is also able to use computer-generated art to show even the most subtle nuances. "It brings a whole new meaning to the class," he says. "Students really get into it."

"When you have 300 students in a class, it's hard to get directly through to each one of them. Since they're used to sound bytes and video, you have a chance to make it something new."

Although Fleming says that the students' response to the new building has been extremely positive, he realizes there still is much to be learned. "It's easily become the most popular building for classes on campus," he says. "But we know more about this type of facility now because of input from our students."

According to Fleming, a new building for the music and arts departments with similar technological treats is already under construction. "It's a lot easier to apply this technology to a new building because the infra-structure is already in place," Fleming says. "Making an older building computer-friendly can be more difficult because you have to make modifications for wires and such."

Corbett Hall was paid for by a \$5 million bond, which was approved by Maine voters in 1988. The remaining expenses were covered in a private contribution from Francelia and Donald Corbett, who graduated from the university in 1934.

As students become more technologically advanced, so should their surroundings, says Jacobs. "We shouldn't be limited to traditional ways of teaching," he says. "Our students have moved beyond that, and we should, too."

That philosophy is reinforced by a time capsule that is buried beneath the floor of the building's auditorium to be opened in 100 years. Included for the amusement of future generations are various pieces of 1990s memorabilia, including an L.L. Bean catalogue, a Far Side desk calendar and that once-necessary item for all classrooms, an item nowhere in sight in Corbett Hall: a box of chalk.

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Haney, the association's executive director. "We had the right intentions, but there are too many ways for students and outsiders to take advantage of this loophole."

**Student-Athlete Compensation:** While the subject of paying student-athletes in some form has been discussed lately, NCAA members decided against taking any action at this time.

In his opening remarks, Cedric Dempsey, the NCAA's executive director, reiterated his opposition to paying athletes, although he did not rule out some sort of compensation. "I do believe we need a fresh review of our rules governing appropriate benefits," he said.

The college presidents, however, rejected a proposal that would have allowed athletes to earn up to \$1,500 in outside income during the school year by a vote of 199 to 118. Opposing voters said the extra payment would create more opportunities for improper behavior.

**Division IV:** Although the matter wasn't officially considered by the convention delegates, there seems to be a growing movement towards the creation of a Division IV for the nation's top football conferences.

The new division, which would be for football only, would trim the 107 Division I schools to about 80. Schools in weaker conferences such as the Big West and the Mid American still would be Division I schools but would not be considered Division IV as well, making them ineligible for any type of college playoff.

Currently, 64 Division I basketball teams make the NCAA tournament, but the majority of the profits are split among all of the Division I schools. A Division IV in football would eliminate powerhouse college football teams from sharing potential national championship tournament money with perennial also-rans—when and if a national football college playoff is created. It lets the schools with the nation's most prominent football programs keep the profits.

Although talk of Division IV has cooled for now, any future talk of a college football national championship will probably be centered around the Division IV concept.

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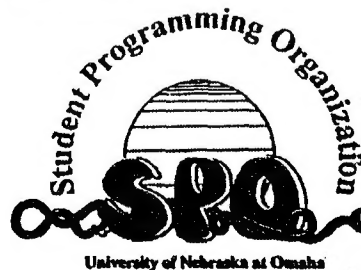
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days. The percentage of freshmen who smoke cigarettes rose for the sixth time in the past seven years to 12.5 percent, up from 11.6 percent last year. This figure is nearing the all-time high of 13.3 percent, which was set in 1985.

Freshmen alcohol use is down, as an all-time low of 53.2 percent of freshmen reported drinking beer on a regular basis, down from 54.4 percent last year. Those numbers indicate a dramatic drop from 1981, when 75.2 percent of college freshmen said they regularly downed a brew or two. Those students who drink wine or hard liquor declined as well to 52.5 percent, down from 66.7 percent in 1987.

Jeff Merrill, vice president of the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, says that students are becoming more aware of the negative situations they can find themselves in after they've been drinking. "There is nothing glamorous about being drunk," Merrill says. "It's not as though it makes you perform better in any way. It's been glorified way too much."

But Joseph Martinez, a freshman at Illinois State University, says that whether school officials like it or not, drinking will always be part of the freshmen experience.

"Going out and getting drunk with your friends is how most people spend their Friday and Saturday nights," he says. "It's not like you get completely sick every time you drink. If you do, you know not to drink that much the next time. It's a learning experience."

Other results of the freshmen survey include:

- An all-time high of 28.1 percent of students indicated they had an "A" average in high school, up from 27 percent last year and 12.5 percent in 1969. Only 15 percent of the students said their average grade in high school was a "C." Nearly 33 percent of the students said they were "bored in class" while in high school.

- Nearly 9 percent of the freshmen said they planned on obtaining M.D. degrees, up from 4.1 percent in 1969. More

women (9.9 percent) than men (7.7 percent) plan on pursuing medical degrees, which is a major switch from 1966, when men outnumbered women among pre-med students by nearly four to one.

- The percent of students who expressed doubts about their ability to pay for college reached an all-time high of 18.9 percent, up from 8.4 percent in 1968.

- When it came to social topics, freshmen's attitudes tended to lean toward the left. Support for the legalization of marijuana increased for the fifth straight year to 32.1 percent, up from 16.7 percent in 1989. Support for legislation to outlaw homosexuality reached an all-time low of 33.9 percent, compared to 53.2 percent in 1987.

However, freshmen tend to be right-leaning when it comes to crime and punishment issues. Their support for abolishing capital punishment reached an all-time low: 20 percent, compared to 58 percent in 1971. Seventy-three percent agreed that "there is too much concern in the courts with the rights of criminals."

With other issues, 84 percent said they want the government to take greater efforts to protect the environment; 79.9 percent want to control the sale of handguns; 70.5 percent would like to see a national health care plan; and 67.3 percent would like to raise taxes on the wealthy.

- While the percentage of freshmen who performed volunteer work in high school increased from 67.7 percent last year to 70.1 percent, those who plan to do volunteer work in college actually declined from 18.5 percent last year to 17.3 percent.

- Just more than 43 percent of freshmen said they agreed with the statement, "If two people really like each other, it's all right for them to have sex even if they've known each other for only a very short time." That was 56 percent of the men—but only 32 percent of the women.

qualify until mid or late February. When they do that this early, it takes a little weight off their shoulders and they're more relaxed," he said. "When you're relaxed you perform better."

Other UNO results at the Lincoln event included a fourth-place finish for Ellis in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.25 seconds. Senior Sue Del Castillo finished second in the triple jump with a mark of 39 feet and third in the 55-meter hurdles at 8.19 seconds.

"It was a great meet for us," Hendricks said. "Everybody ran better than the week before. That's the key. When you perform a little better each week, you're moving forward."

Other schools that participated in the non-team scoring event included the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Doane, Hastings and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

There were even some athletes from Australia at the event.

"It was some junior national team from Australia, but they didn't prove to be much competition," Hendricks said.

This week, the team will compete at a meet at Iowa State University.

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